



Mr. Steven Lee Shartzter

February 20, 1954 - September 17, 2020

Steven Lee Shartzter, known to most as "Coach Shartzter," died suddenly Thursday, September 17th, 2020 at Thomas Hospital in Fairhope. Born and raised in Macon, Illinois, Shartzter was a life-long Macon "Ironman." A standout athlete, he earned a baseball scholarship to the University of Southern Illinois where he played until he was the fifth person drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 1975 MLB Draft. He played in the Cardinals organization for 3 years before leaving baseball to become a successful entrepreneur. In 1982, the love of the game called him back, and he was named the head baseball coach at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama, where he led the team to its first College World Series appearance. Shartzter was tapped by Berry College in Rome, Georgia, to lead the revival of the Vikings Baseball program. He led the program for 6 years before being named Athletic Director. Ultimately, fate brought Shartzter to Baldwin County where he was a teacher (CBMS and RHS) and head softball coach at Robertsdale High School until his retirement in 2014. He will be remembered for his devotion to his daughter Anna and granddaughter Emmy, his love of competition, his remarkable storytelling ability, and his sharp wit. He is survived by one daughter, Anna Shartzter Hunt (Keith), a granddaughter, Emory George Hunt, one sister, Patricia Shartzter Egizii (Jim), and niece and two nephews Kelly Piche (Chris) and Mark England (Megan) and Kory Rousch. His life and legacy will be remembered by the countless lives he impacted as a teacher and coach. In lieu of flowers, donations in Coach Shartzter's name may be made to The Haven Animal Shelter in Fairhope, Alabama. A memorial service will be held Sunday, September 27, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrews by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Road Gulf Shores, AL 36543.

Events

SEP **Memorial Service** 02:00PM
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St. Andrew by the Sea

17263 HWY 180, Gulf Shores, AL, US, 36542

Comments



“ Christine Darby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steven Lee Shartzter



Christine Darby - October 20 at 10:41 AM



“ Joan Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steven Lee Shartzter



Joan Goodwin - September 25 at 11:12 AM



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christopher Lynn collins - September 22 at 09:58 AM



“ I can only speak about Steve, the baseball player. In high school, 1971, I was a sophomore, and breaking into the starting lineup at Warrensburg-Latham High School. We played Macon twice that year, and it was actually enjoyable to watch that crew @ Macon. They were so d*mned good. I wish they would have won State that year... so close. I followed Steve & Stu in their Division 1 pursuits, I think SIU, and into the minors, via the Decatur Herald & Review(it was the only way back then).

TIMOTHY L RADLIFF - September 22 at 08:46 AM



“ Vivian White Fent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steven Lee Shartzter



Vivian White Fent - September 22 at 05:56 AM



“ A little piece of my heart has been broken- I was so saddened to hear my all time favorite uncle has left us. Nobody can, or will ever, take the place of my uncle Stevie - or as I refer to him: 'Uncle Stevie Rat' - He's called me 'Kelly Rat' for so long (fifty years!) I'm sure I thought that was my middle name When I was a little girl. I returned the nickname back and it stuck..he's forever been Stevie Rat to me. A priceless sense of humor and good hearted man that could make you smile at any given moment. I will forever smile and belly laugh while reminiscing funny conversations we've had my whole life !!! RIP Uncle Stevie Rat

Kelly Piche - September 21 at 10:29 PM



“ I taught 9th grade World History and all my students were failing my tests. I asked them what I could do to help them be successful. They ALL said Coach Shartzter always gave us graphic organizers! I was like you go Coach! I changed to GOs and success- he taught me how to provide relevant learner supports for my students! Plus he was hysterically funny!

Cindy Erickson - September 21 at 06:12 PM



“ What a leader of men! I met Coach At Huntingdon and was always in awe at his ability to motivate and decimate you all in one sentence. He was well liked by the entire athletic fraternity at Huntingdon and he was authentic in his ability to coach, direct and manage. He was a character and a funny man who we all loved. I will miss him.

patrick dicks - September 21 at 05:31 PM



“ If asked who my first friend was in school, it would be Shark. He, and few of us used to see who was toughest at recess each day. Had tropical fish at the same time in grade school.

We were close on the football field. Jack Burns, effected both our lives greatly.

For years we didn't talk with him in Alabama, and myself in Texas.

Grateful that Anna put him on Facebook, and we reunited. We went pheasant hunting again like we did as teenagers. I will miss my friend.

He has been a positive force in young men's lives always.



Beagle Don - September 21 at 03:07 PM